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Letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the unfortunate incidents which occurred in Kisangani on 5 May 2000. I am further instructed to refer to the presidential statement (S/PRST/2000/15) in which the President of the Security Council expressed concern at the renewed incidents between Ugandan and Rwandan forces in Kisangani.

I should be grateful if the present letter, together with its annex, could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

At 0405 hours (Kisangani time) on 5 May 2000 Rwanda PA (RPA) units deployed in Kisangani fired at Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) which were withdrawing from Simi Simi airport.

UPDF was withdrawing because the dominant RPA forces had started to surround them without any form of provocation. RPA fired at UPDF and blocked it from joining the main forces at Kapalata.

RPA also deployed more troops in Kisangani City without informing UPDF, which action is inconsistent with the Mweya Agreement. RPA is still reinforcing its positions from Lubutu. UPDF is maintaining a defensive posture, and all efforts are being made to resolve the problem.

It is also important to mention that for the past seven days the Ugandan Army Commander Maj. Gen. Jeje Odongo tried to get in contact with his Rwandese counterpart without success.

Uganda also sent an envoy, Brig. Kashaka, to Kigali a few days prior to the incidents to reassure RPA of Uganda's commitment to peace and stability in the region.

As usual Uganda is employing all diplomatic, political and military contacts to resolve the problem.